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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

State land leasing-improvements threshold amendment.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands &  
Water Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state lands; increasing the monetary  
2 threshold for improvements to leased state lands which do not  
3 require permission of the director of the office of state  
4 lands; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-5-110(a) is amended to read:

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10 **36-5-110. Right to make and remove improvements.**

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1           (a) A lessee of state lands shall have the right to  
2 construct or make improvements upon state lands in an amount  
3 not to exceed ~~two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00)~~ four thousand  
4 dollars (\$4,000) per section for each separate improvement,  
5 without first obtaining permission. If the lessee or any other  
6 person desires to construct or make improvements upon state  
7 lands in excess of the value of ~~two thousand dollars~~  
8 ~~(\$2,000.00)~~ four thousand dollars (\$4,000) per section for  
9 each separate improvement, he shall file an application for  
10 permission to construct or make the improvements with the  
11 director, which shall be subject to allowance or rejection as  
12 the best interests of the state require. The director shall  
13 have authority to grant permission to construct improvements  
14 in excess of ~~two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00)~~ four thousand  
15 dollars (\$4,000) per section for each separate improvement  
16 for fencing, water development, livestock handling facilities  
17 and range enhancements. Any other improvement in excess of  
18 ~~two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00)~~ four thousand dollars  
19 (\$4,000) per section for each separate improvement shall be  
20 applied for under a special use permit. Unless permission has  
21 been obtained in the manner provided by this section or the  
22 improvement has been registered as provided in subsection (b)  
23 of this section, the owner of any improvement in excess of

1 the value of ~~two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00)~~ four thousand  
2 dollars (\$4,000) per section at the time of construction of  
3 the improvement shall not be entitled to compensation  
4 therefor as provided by W.S. 36-5-111 and 36-9-105, and upon  
5 the expiration of the lease the ~~improvements~~ improvement  
6 shall forfeit to and become the property of the state; except,  
7 that within one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of  
8 the expiration of the lease, the owner may remove ~~such~~ the  
9 ~~improvements~~ improvement in a manner ~~which~~ that minimizes  
10 injury to the land.

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12 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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14 (END)